

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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REGENERATION OF MANGROVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for regeneration of Mangroves that have been destroyed during Tsunami in 2004 in Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and

(b) the funds allocated/utilized for this purpose so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The Forest Department of Andaman & Nicobar Islands has taken up mangroves plantations in the areas destroyed during Tsunami in 2004. More and more areas are covered annually. The natural regeneration of mangroves in tsunami affected area is also observed. The Department of Environment and Forests, Andaman & Nicobar Islands is monitoring the natural succession and also rehabilitating degraded areas under Plan Scheme as indicated below:

Year Regeneration of Mangrove (in hectares)

2005-06 12.17

2006-07 25.70

2007-08 45.00

(b) The year-wise utilization of funds by the Forest Department of Andaman & Nicobar Islands for the regeneration of mangrove plantation is as under:

Year Expenditure (Rs. in Lakhs)

2005-06 19.67/-

2006-07 29.34/-

2007-08 27.71/-